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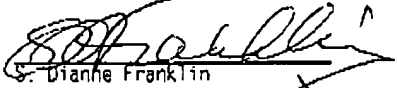
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT  
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Applicant(s): Masashi SUGANO

Serial No. : 09/758,002

Filed : January 9, 2001

For : IMAGE READING APPARATUS AND  
IMAGE-FORMING APPARATUS  
INCORPORATING THE IMAGE  
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Art Unit : 2622

Examiner : C. Lee

**RESPONSE - 37 C.F.R. 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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S I R :

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed April 1,  
2004, the term for response to which expires on May 1, 2004.

**ELECTION:**

Applicant hereby elects Species a, shown in Figs. 1 and 2,  
for further prosecution on the merits, without traverse.

Claims 1-7 are readable on Species a (Figs. 1 and 2).

It is respectfully submitted that this paper is fully  
responsive to the outstanding Office Action, and it is  
respectfully requested that prosecution on the merits now proceed  
with respect to elected Species a, Figs. 1 and 2, claims 1-7.